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Results of investigation show no voter fraud

Report states wrongful voting a result of 'ignorance,' negligence

By Liz Weber
Staff Writer

Voter fraud complaints filed by two former San Luis Obispo City Council candidates were found to be inconclusive by the District Attorney's office, according to a report released Thursday.

Bill Miller, a senior investigator for the District Attorney's office, said Thursday that six weeks of investigation turned no

conclusive evidence of voter fraud in last November's General Election.

The original complaints were filed Nov. 23 by former council candidates David Friend and Richie Ray Walker.

They alleged that many Cal Poly greek organizations perpetrated voter fraud by allowing dorm residents, who live outside the city limits and are not eligible to vote in city elections, to register off-campus and vote

in the election.

Miller's report states: "Our investigation turned up no evidence either through admission or otherwise to indicate that the wrongful registration was utilized to gain some improper advantage or influence the outcome of the election."

Allegations of similar conduct had been made against several San Luis Obispo business owners, but were also found to be unsubstantiated.

Miller's report also said he received a letter from former San Luis Obispo Mayor Lynn Cooper asking him to investigate pos-

sible irregularities and violations of the election code, and that San Luis Obispo Police Officer Dale Strobbridge verbally expressed his concern regarding voter fraud.

Miller's report said Walker asked him to compare a list of all Cal Poly students who voted in the election with Department of Motor Vehicles' records to verify every address.

Friend's original handwritten complaint alleged "voter registration fraud occurred at various fraternities and sororities in San Luis Obispo City propagated by candidates in

the election."

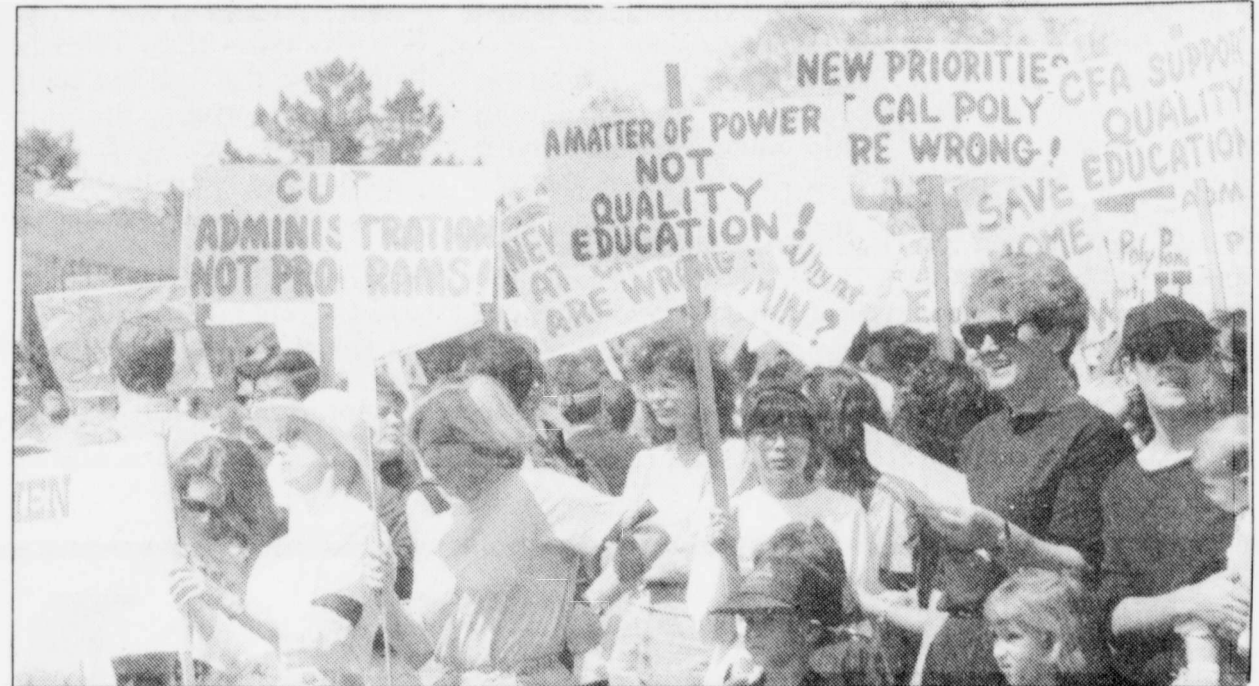
Although Friend's complaint does not name specific candidates, former council contender Brent Petersen said Saturday he felt he was the object of the allegation.

"It surprises me when I hear that David (Friend), in so many words, implied I was an accomplice in voter fraud," Petersen said.

He said he believes Friend wanted to "make sure the integrity of the election was maintained." But, he said, he felt Friend went too far.

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A university at the crossroads



Last spring, home economics and engineering technology faculty and students demonstrate their unhappiness with the announcement that their departments would be phased out.

Budget trends show CSU on a downward spiral

Editor's note: This article has been both updated and reprinted from the 1992 Week of Welcome edition of Mustang Daily. The following is an analysis — written from the author's perspective.

By Jason Foster
Special to the Daily

There's nothing scarier than barreling down a dark, unknown highway at night with no lights, no control and no idea where you're going. The brakes are shot, the steering won't respond and the car

feels as if it's under the control of an omnipotent, malicious, unseen demon.

This scenario could be just a nightmare, a foul figment of a sadistic imagination. But it's not. It's real. And it's here with Cal Poly students and staff every day.

It's in the form of faculty layoffs. Fewer classes. Higher fees. Fewer services.

Welcome to California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo — home of the infamous Fighting Budget Cutbacks.

This is not a Poly Rep tour. This is not a brochure of happy, hardworking students in a well-stocked lab. This is a school that is in danger of stagnating both economically and structurally.

This university has a long history of prosperity and achievement. But this campus has learned many things about itself in the past few years. And one of the most significant lessons for everyone is just how dependent the CSU and Cal Poly are on the state economy.

Economic warning signs started flashing across the state in the late 1980s. But

the first real symptom of trouble surfaced far away from here in the political gridlock of Sacramento.

It was June, 1990, and the state Legislature couldn't pass a budget on time. Suddenly there wasn't enough money to go around, and the body had to debate for weeks before a budget was passed. The CSU's net loss that year was \$56 million, and Cal Poly made some small cuts in classes.

In the fall of 1990, the sounds of danger grew louder. In a series of articles See BUDGET, page 3

By the numbers

Even by themselves, the numbers are telling: The CSU has suffered significant reductions in recent years. Dollar figures below are in millions.



The California Legislature to the CSU: A story of decreasing allowances

Fiscal year	State \$	To CSUs	CSU %	% Shift
1990-91	39,848	1,699	4.26	-3.2
1991-92	42,790	1,640	3.83	-3.5
1992-93	40,146	1,501	3.74	-8.5
1993-94	39,503	1,433	3.63	-4.5*

* Figures for this year are preliminary until the passage of California's next budget.

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PACBRA: Where the action is

By John Hubbell
News Editor

For those looking to monitor this year's budget-cutting process, the acronym to know is: "PACBRA."

That's "Presidential Advisory Committee on Budgets and Resources Allocation" — and within it will lie the details of this year's scalebacks.

PACBRA consists of representatives from various campus entities, including the California Faculty Association; college deans;

members of the Academic Senate; administration members; and ASI.

PACBRA meetings are scheduled only as needed. But they have met several times already and have forwarded a recommendation to the Academic Senate. Their next meeting will be at 3 p.m. March 12 in Room 301 of the administration building.

Already, PACBRA has reported to the Academic Senate how much it feels each area of the university should absorb the cuts. They have See CRISIS, page 3

BUDGET FOCUS



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Budget cuts have been here awhile.

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WORLD★NATION★STATE

Clinton supports probe of Trade Center explosion

Washington, D.C.

President Clinton on Saturday pledged full federal support for an investigation of the World Trade Center explosion and offered words of consolation to New Yorkers affected by it.

"Working together, we'll find out who was involved and why this happened," Clinton said in his weekly radio address from the Oval Office. "Americans should know we'll do everything in our power to keep them safe in their streets, their offices and their homes."

Clinton said he had spoken with New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and New York City Mayor David Dinkins "to assure

"Working together, we'll find out who was involved and why this happened."

President Bill Clinton

them that the full measure of federal law enforcement resources will be brought to bear on this investigation."

He also said he spoke with FBI Director William Sessions on Saturday and was assured that "the FBI and the Treasury Department are working closely with the New York City police and fire

departments."

Both FBI officials and a team from Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were on the scene.

Speaking directly to New Yorkers affected by the explosion, Clinton said, "You are in the thoughts and prayers of my family. And in the synagogues and churches

last night, today and tomorrow, you will be remembered and thought of again and again."

He paid tribute to "the police, the firefighters, the emergency response teams and the citizens whose countless acts of bravery averted even more bloodshed."

"Their reaction and their valor reminds us of how often Americans are at their best when we face the worst," he said.

Meanwhile, Sessions appeared on CNN and said it was too early to be sure whether terrorism was the cause of the blast.

NEWS BRIEFS

Argentines fear hole in ozone

Ushuaia, Argentina

Residents complain of sunburn or eye irritations when they spend time outdoors, even though the sun rarely shines in Tierra del Fuego.

No one can say for sure there's a link, but during certain months of the year, there is less ozone over this picturesque provincial capital than almost anywhere else in the world.

Since ozone filters ultraviolet solar radiation, less ozone means more radiation — including ultraviolet-B that can cause skin cancer and cataracts.

The earth's protective ozone layer has diminished during the past two decades, mostly as a result of man-made chemicals — notably chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigeration and industry — and volcanic gases shot into the atmosphere.

Last Oct. 4, the ozone level here plummeted to 175 Dobson Units, the standard by which it is measured. It reportedly was the lowest recorded over a population center. The norm here is about 300.

Argentine scientists insist residents, known as Fuegians, and tourists run no special health risk. That's

Religious cult gunfight kills one

Waco, Texas

Gunfire broke out Sunday when federal agents attempted to arrest the leader of a heavily armed religious cult. Authorities said at least three agents were wounded. Cult members reported one person dead.

Authorities had a warrant to search the Branch Davidians' compound for guns and explosive devices and an arrest warrant for its leader, Vernon Howell, said Les Stanford of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington, D.C.

The more than 100 officers came under sustained fire from the fortified compound for about 45 minutes Sunday morning, Stanford said. Earlier, the agency said three agents had been seriously wounded but authorities were unable to get to them.

because other factors come into play, such as cloud cover and the angle of the sun.

The Argentine Scientific Research Center on the outskirts of town monitors solar radiation at earth level. In a joint project with the U.S. National Science Founda-

tion, the center breaks down sunlight into waves and charts the fluctuations.

The station is one of five in the world — three in Antarctica and one in Alaska. The fifth was established here in 1988 on the theory that whatever happens globally as a result of ozone depletion might happen in Tierra del Fuego first.

In Punta Arenas, Chile, 250 miles to the northwest, there are reports of blind salmon and cattle and wilted trees. Some Chileans blame UV-B radiation.

Scientists here scoff at that claim.

If UV-B were to blame, the same abnormalities should occur in Ushuaia. They don't, said Luis Orce, a university professor and radiation specialist who retired last year from the National Atomic Energy Commission.

"Whatever may be happening to those animals and trees has no relation to the ozone hole or ultraviolet radiation," he said. "To those who say it must be radiation, I say: show me your measurements, show me your data."

Biologist Nemesio San Roman conducts experiments on bacteria at the center. Some developed a pigmentation that seems to be an attempt to protect themselves from excess radiation.

Nevertheless, he said, "To produce a profound change, you need a concentration of radiation over time."

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BUDGET

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in Mustang Daily, education officials here and in Sacramento predicted falling state revenues would have severe ramifications on California's higher education system. Diana Michel, then the budget director of the California Post Secondary Education Commission, saw a crisis on the horizon.

"We're coming to a crossroads," she said. "We don't have the money. So either quality is going to go or access is going to go."

What appeared to be a crossroads turned out to be a one-way street.

In spring 1991, the state budget fell short again — this time by \$14.3 billion. That year, California trimmed higher education's slice of the budget pie by more than \$400 million. Cal Poly had to cut more than \$12 million from its budget.

The campus executed a plan to dissolve the School of Professional Studies. It also started planning the elimination or merger of some departments, large-scale layoffs of faculty and staff, reductions in admissions and severe cuts in library hours and services, including its closure on Saturdays.

Predicted revenue shortfalls in the first half of 1992 led to another wave of class cuts and reduced services. The ad-

ministration, which once had plans for the CSU to expand this campus from the present 15,000 full-time equivalent students to 17,400 by the year 2004, abandoned that goal and determined Cal Poly had to have 1,000 fewer students by spring, 1993. Winter and spring 1993 admissions were terminated.

This academic year, the downward spiral continues. In academics, students are choosing from the fewest class sections in the modern history of this institution. They also have larger classes and less individual attention. Last fall, Cal Poly's Institutional Studies Division estimated a student-teacher ratio of 22 to 1 — a level 38 percent higher than the university's proclaimed ideal standard of 16 to 1.

In services, students now face an increasingly self-serve approach when it comes to personal and career advising, changes in health services and reduced hours at an on-campus, student-run fire department — the only one of its kind in the CSU.

Even if the economy and state revenues rebound strongly this decade, California's policy for funding higher education may cause the CSU and Cal Poly to continue on its current path.

About 85 percent of the state budget is

automatically earmarked for various programs whose allocations are constitutionally or statutorily guaranteed protection. Funding for neither the CSU nor the University of California has such protection. This means that, in lean budget years, only unprotected programs such as higher education are likely targets for cuts.

In addition, many of the protected programs — such as Medi-Cal and Aid to Families with Dependent Children — have guaranteed funding increases if their caseloads increase. And their revenue needs this decade are projected to grow much faster than the level of state revenues.

The effects of this trend are spelled out in an August 1992 report issued by California Post Secondary Education Commission Executive Director Warren Fox.

"What this means as a practical manner," Fox wrote, "is that in the coming years, even if the economy is growing and healthy, higher education will have a difficult time securing the annual appropriation needed to support anticipated growth and maintain quality."

"I do not believe that this evolving policy of reduced support for higher See BUDGET, page 6



Last spring, students erected a "Budget Wall of Shame" to help protest budget cuts.

Film by Steven J. Mueller

By the numbers

Students and faculty have both deeply felt budget reductions in the past few years. Here is an overview of heavily-impacted areas.



Impact on students: Fee hikes, enrollment cuts

- Fee hike of 40% in 1992-93; fees increased 68% from 1990 to 1992
- 22,000 fewer students enrolled in fall 1992 than in fall 1990
- 6,500 fewer class sections in fall 1992 compared to fall 1990

Impact on the CSU: Pay freezes, cutbacks

- No pay increases for faculty, staff since January 1991
- Employee cuts include 1,585 fewer full-time faculty and 1,559 fewer full-time staff
- The governor's proposal for the CSU appropriation for 1993-94 is less than the appropriation in 1987. But enrollment demand has increased by approximately 45,000 students.
- Cutbacks in library purchases and hours; lab equipment and hours; student counseling; \$235 million in deferred maintenance.

Figures supplied by CSU Chancellor's Office

CRISIS

From page 1

recommended a 5 percent cut in instructional programs (academics) and a 7.4 percent cut to non-instructional services.

According to Robert Koob, Cal Poly's vice president for Academic Affairs, colleges, administrative departments and support services will have the latitude to determine where specific cuts will fall. They will have two to three weeks to determine that information, he said.

"At the end of March, we should be ready to make public some sort of proposed budget cut in detail," Koob told the Senate last week.

The cutting process is then scheduled to return to PACBRA, which will assimilate the information and create a model for the cuts. Then, the model will be discussed among various groups,

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including the school's faculty, staff and ASI.

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Baker can alter or let stand

PACBRA's recommendations before forwarding them to CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz. Munitz has veto power on Baker's proposal, but has not used it during his tenure.

Layoff notices should be forwarded to affected staff and faculty on May 14 and 15, Koob said.

Meetings of PACBRA, the Academic Senate and other advisory committees are open to the public under the Bagley-Keene Act.

But the best way for students to give input is not to PACBRA directly, according to ASI President Kristin Burnett. Rather, Burnett said, they should use the open forum period at the weekly ASI meeting. The meetings are held in Room 220 of the University Union on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

MARCH 2

COUPON EDITION

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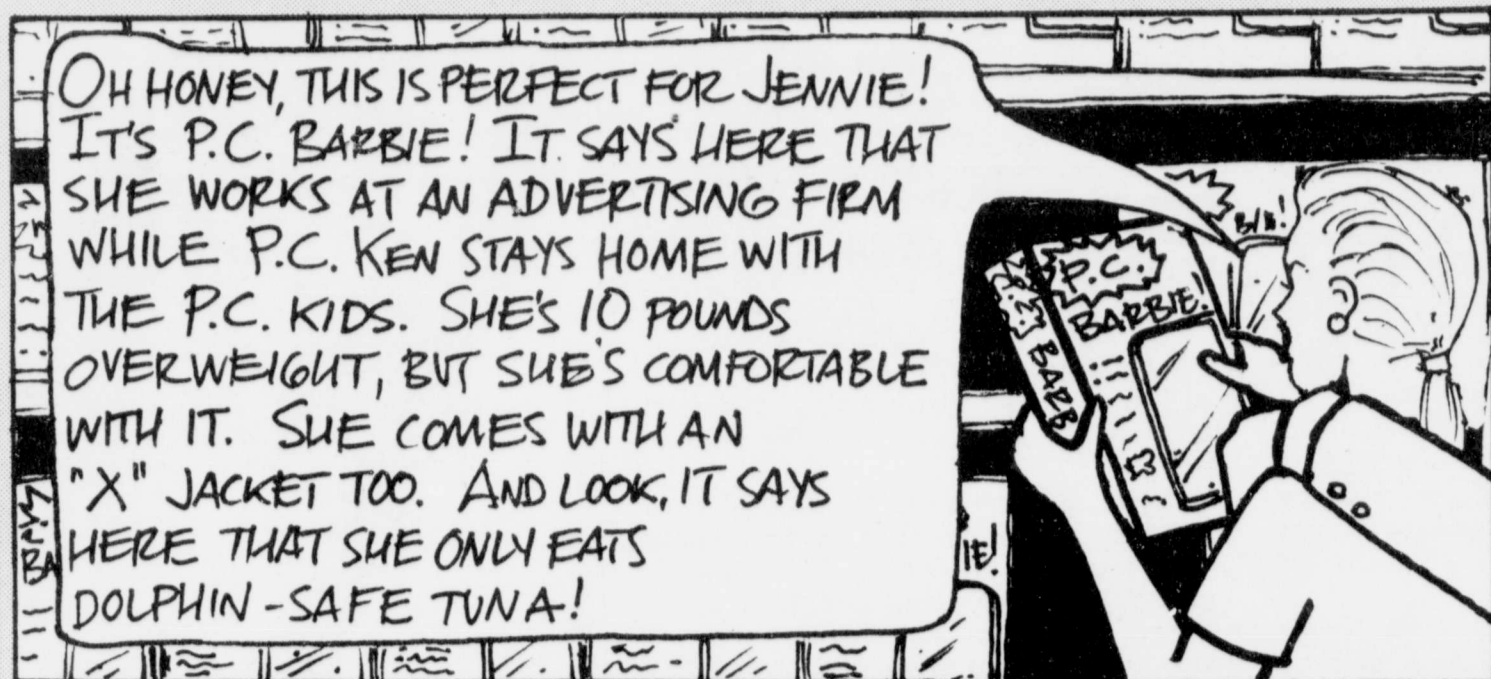
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COMMENTARY

'I'm a boy, I'm a boy...'



By Matthew J. Hanson

I think people are taking toys much too seriously.

I understand the point that much of what we play with in our childhood can effect our outlook down the road. I've heard all the arguments about boys playing with dolls and girls being mentally scarred because they aren't as pretty as Barbie. I've had ideas about indoctrination, social programming, brainwashing, etc., pushed so far into my skull that the solid waste produced by trying to think about it all is starting to spew out.

This, as you may have guessed, is my spewage.

Some time ago, I was sitting in the Bishop Lounge, scrawling out my Calculus assignment, inhaling my meager lunch and trying to listen to the soaps in the background, when a heartwarming commercial from some toy manufacturer came on. The spokeswoman, a grandmother buying presents for her grandchildren, was raving on and on about how Tommy simply loved his little fire truck toy while Sarah just couldn't get enough of her pretty playhouse toy.

Immediately the once quiet room erupted in a communal murmur of disapproval.

Though much of what I perceived was merely jumbled anger, I picked up the words "sexist" and "demeaning" and "boycott" several times. My gut reaction, being the incredibly outspoken arch-conservative that I am, was to swivel about and voice a quick yet effective, "Get a grip!"; however, upon my swiveling I found the room to be filled with young, well-educated, 90s-type women who looked more than ready to put up a fight — a fight I neither had the time nor the courage to face at that point. Jumping headlong into a heated debate, with the odds considerably stacked against you and a Calculus test in less than 20 minutes is something I have always tried to avoid.

Saving my retort until now has given me a chance to collect

my thoughts. I have had it up to here with this movement to create a generation of well-adjusted children who can all grow up and be perfectly normal. I grow weary of radicals picketing toy stores because "Barbie gives children an unrealistic and unhealthy view of sex roles in this age." I get really pissed when all I can get on the talk-show circuit

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is, "Men whose parents wouldn't let them play with dolls." I'm tired of hearing that kids shouldn't be allowed to play with something just because some shrink thinks it might contribute to an unstable world view. Why can't we just let them grow up? Why does society have to interfere?

To my surprise, these very questions came up frequently in a Donahue episode several years ago, featuring the guys who wanted to play with dolls.

I think society has broken down the prevalent sexist stereotypes since then, but just kept going. We wanted well-adjusted kids so much we overshot the mark. Instead of not allowing our boys to play with dolls, we no longer allow them to play with anything but dolls. We take away the toys they love the most and replace them with trendy, unisex toys that just about every kid hates.

Tell me, male or female, how would you feel, if for your 7th birthday, all you got was a simple, non-threatening, non-sexist yo-yo? I'd be really upset that after two months of hinting for a G.I. Joe with kung-fu grip, all I got was a hunk of plastic with a string on it.

We wanted kids to be free to "explore their real selves," so we opened up the box and let them wander out. But once they all got out, someone shut it again, deterring them from ever returning, even if they wanted to.

So, in the same sense as previous generations, we are guilty of this close-minded stifling as well, only on a slightly different scale. Instead of holding them in, we shut them out.

For example, that "Perfectly Normal" Barbie doll. Someone made a toy with "more reasonable body proportions," feeling that girls looked at Barbie and felt like they HAD to be like her. But, in giving them a new toy, an unobtrusive, not-exactly-pretty Barbie, aren't we telling them they CAN'T be like the other Barbie? Aren't we imposing the same programming, except telling the kids that it's not all right to want to be pretty?

We are taking away our kids ability to dream. What kid wants to dream about being "Perfectly Normal?" Okay, okay... I've got an idea... I'll pretend I'm me... and you pretend your... YOU! We'll have hours of fun sitting here playing ourselves and not worrying about being anything else 'cause the doctor says it promotes mental disorders, or, as some like to call it, creativity.

I'd like to get back to the pack of angry wolves in Bishop Lounge. Grandma never said that you had to buy the boy a truck and the girl the doll. Indeed, she never said you had to BUY anything. She merely showed that HER boy liked the truck and HER girl liked the doll house. If anyone is guilty of harboring sexist thoughts, it's you... Of all the nerve! Saying a girl could enjoy a doll house! That could never happen! If girls actually did like doll houses more and boys actually did like trucks more... that would mean they are different... and people can't be different AND equal!

Can they?

Matthew Hanson is a mathematics freshman at Cal Poly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ecology versus hamburgers

I can sleep better now that I know cows and horses do not damage the environment; only bikers do.

And for all you bean-counters who sit in offices all day and dream up new rules and regulations, I encourage you to take a walk around Poly Canyon. Compare not only the number but also the depth of tracks left by cows, horses and bikes. Pay particular attention to the conditions of the ground in the areas surrounding the gates. It does not take a soil scientist to see who is causing what damage.

If protecting the ecology was really the primary concern here, the future hamburgers would be removed from Poly Canyon permanently.

Bryan Mealy
Electronic Engineering

Priorities

I have never seen a campus newspaper so oblivious to campus activities — or is the ignorance intentional? For a whole week the College of Engineering — which houses almost half the campus population — participate in National Engineers Week (NEW). And there was NOTHING, not one thing mentioned in the so called NEWSpaper.

Cal Poly's NEW activities are known nationwide and are mimicked by many schools across the country. We were the first to develop a city-wide activity that introduces adults and children to engineering — Engineering day at the Mall. Six clubs were awarded for their participation in Club Display and Hands-on Display, yet nothing was mentioned of their efforts. In addition, there were a number of annual club banquets where many students were awarded scholarships and Outstanding Engineer awards; still, they received no recognition. It's obvious that it's more important to Mustang Daily to sell a 3/4-page ad to Copeland's than report on an annual, week-long campus activity. It makes me wonder what's important anymore — obviously not student activities.

For pete's sake, guys, where are your priorities?

Lorie Falstrom
Mechanical Engineering

'Just say no'

I was struck by the high-handed arrogance shown by Nancy Williams, Director of Food Services and Campus Dining, in Cindy Webb's front page article on Friday (kudos to Ms. Webb — the article showed unusual quality for Mustang Daily). When confronted with customer dissatisfaction, does she take immediate steps to improve the quality of her product?

No, she feels there is nothing wrong with the Foundation's cuisine. In fact, she is quoted as saying her chef "...can do any cuisine and his food is superior." Never mind that the customers don't like it.

Perhaps Food Services could display a copy of the chef's certification so students can enjoy that, if not the food. With this lack of customer orientation, there's no wonder they are fearful of competition.

I could overlook this example of uncaring bureaucracy if it were an isolated instance; unfortunately, this attitude seems prevalent. For those who want to see an example of a bureaucracy administered with a human touch, visit the Student Health Center.

I urge Pedro Arroyo and Joe Zhou to continue their struggle against the oppressive and spiteful Foundation. To everyone else I say... Join the boycott — Just Say No to Tapango's.

Dennis W. Butler
City and Regional Planning

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Poly's possibility of charter raises some concerns

Program's effects on job security, decision making processes questioned by many

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

A Thursday afternoon, standing room only meeting between more than 75 staff and faculty members showed at least one thing: people on this campus are talking about Cal Poly becoming a charter university.

Many are worried that the move may not be a positive one.

"This is one of the biggest union-busting things you're going to see in a long time," said Aurelia Castaneda, a California State Employees Association union representative and a Cal Poly health services clerical assistant.

"The reason they chose Humboldt and San Luis (as charter possibilities) is because there are no more industries in the area. I'm going to call my union and tell them to put my PAC money into lobbying against campus charter legislation that overturns contracts.

"I love this school, and I love this job, but I don't like to get squashed. ... If you don't preserve union contracts you'll be in deep trouble."

Because charter universities would not have to be bound by state or CSU regulations, many agreed with Castaneda. They said they feel the charter concept might be an attempt to manipulate union employee contracts.

But others said they are simply concerned about job protection and how quickly the Charter University Task Force has been asked to file a proposal with

President Warren Baker.

The task force, created in early February, is expected to present its final report this week. The deadline was established so Baker can file a report with CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz next week.

If Munitz agrees with the proposal, then legislators will go

to work to get legislation on the calendar before June to legally allow charter universities to exist.

"This has been such a whirlwind of activity," said Wendy Reynoso, a representative of the Academic Professionals of California (APC), Unit 4. Reynoso also is a member of the

Charter University Task Force.

"We agree there is a lot of potential and a lot of promise," she said. "We are exploring a lot of ideas and that's invigorating and exciting. Our concern is the timeline. We feel like it is too much too quickly."

Although the task force members are not being asked to es-

tablish a charter, they will submit proposals on academic and student affairs, governance issues, resources and funding and employee issues.

"They are not wanting us to talk about specific problems," Reynoso said. "They just want us to say we approve of the concept. It's just hard to jump on the bandwagon to support this legislation when we don't have any idea what the legislation will say. We don't know if it will take away our collective bargaining, our sick leave, vacation accrual, or anything else like that."

"The charter concept means limitless possibilities. Ultimately, we don't know what a charter would take away from us."

Many of those speaking out at the meeting echoed Reynoso's concerns.

Although employees have said they are concerned about the timeline they have been given, many agreed that the charter concept has forced some positive discussion.

"We are coming up with some preliminary ideas and proposals on a wide range of subjects from how to improve our experience here at Cal Poly as employees to how we can improve our service to students," said Pat Harris, president of the Staff Council.

"We are talking and exchanging ideas on how we can produce a good product — students with a wide range of knowledge and things he or she can give to society. I think it's exciting to see so many people actively discussing these kinds of changes."

Poly charter could cut restraints

Baker says agreement may give autonomy from CSU

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's Charter University Task Force is expected to report to President Warren Baker this week on some of the things its members would like to see if Cal Poly is to become a charter university.

Baker, in turn, is expected to report to California State University Chancellor Barry Munitz later next week on Cal Poly's position on becoming a charter university.

But what it means to be a charter university — and why Cal Poly is interested — are questions many are still seeking answers to.

In theory, a charter university would be a campus that is given total autonomy in its decision making, according to Baker.

A campus under the specifications outlined in its

charter could operate without the restraints imposed by the CSU on other universities within the 21-campus system.

Administrators and task force members agree autonomy could mean freedom to set graduation requirements, fees and all personnel benefits and requirements.

Charter schools are not a new concept. California's K-12 schools have begun to operate them.

Legislation written by area State Sen. Gary K. Hart — and passed last year by the State Legislature — made it possible for public schools to develop charters and have them ratified by their school districts.

Schools now operating under charters are not bound by the rules governing other area schools. Also, they are not bound by state laws unless their charter specifies.

Now, the CSU wants similar freedom, Baker said.



The initial interest came about in late January when Munitz asked Cal Poly to study the feasibility of becoming a charter university. Munitz also asked CSU Humboldt and the proposed campus at Ft. Ord in Monterey County to look into the idea.

But Cal Poly has been given the task of making the first proposal.

Cal Poly's proposal will be the basis for the legislation which must be submitted by March 15 in order to make its way onto the legislative calendar this fiscal year, Baker said.

Talks have been centered on getting legislation written that would allow a charter university to begin as early as January, 1994. But, Baker

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New York's neighboring commodity exchanges planned to reopen Monday, however, under a special exemption from safety officials. But all other businesses in the landmark 110-story twin towers needed to relocate under desperately short notice.

Fifty-thousand people work at the complex, which gets an average of 80,000 daily visitors. Like a vertical city at Manhattan's southern tip, it's become critical to the region's economy, with commercial tentacles that extend around the globe.

The cost of the damage, relocation and lost business was impossible to ascertain Sunday. Many businesses spent the weekend trying to grapple with the damage caused by Friday's noontime explosion in an underground parking garage. The FBI said Sunday a bomb caused the blast, but would not speculate on who detonated the bomb, or why.

The blast killed five people, injured more than 1,000, knocked out the center's emergency command center and spewed thick, black smoke into the two towers and adjacent buildings, including one housing five commodity exchanges.

Stanley Brezenoff, head of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the

complex, said the towers would stay shut more than a week until their safety is secured and essential services are restored.

The two skyscrapers, the world's second tallest buildings after Chicago's Sears Tower, are home to more than 900 busi-

nesses — from Mrs. Field's Cookies to Dean Witter, Discover & Co., to offices of the world's largest bank, Dai Ichi Kangyo Bank of Japan.

Officials at the exchanges, critical markets in the trade of basic resources like oil, gold and coffee, said Sunday they got special permission to operate from fire, police and city agencies.

Jim Neal, general manager of the Commodities Exchange Center, said delay in opening the Futures Exchange, Commodity Exchange, New York Mercantile Exchange, Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange and Cotton Exchange would have posed serious consequences.

"It's critically important to the

world economy to open. The contracts are worth in the billions of dollars," Neal said.

One major stock brokerage, Dean Witter, Discover & Co., worked feverishly over the weekend to move about 5,000 employees to the firm's other area offices.

Radio ads told Dean Witter workers to call a special hot line to receive their work assignments.

Large companies probably will fare better in the disaster's aftermath because they generally have other places in the area to set up shop, said Peter Rosenthal of Howard J. Rubenstein Associates, a public relations firm that represents major real estate companies.

Many businesses spent the weekend trying to grapple with the damage caused by Friday's noontime explosion

FRAUD

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"There's a point where you seek justice, and you do everything you can to make sure the election is valid," he said. "It appears to me that David Friend's allegations are beginning to appear to be a sick obsession."

At press time, neither Friend nor Walker could be reached for comment.

Miller said Thursday the main reason over-registration appeared was due to outdated records. He said voters' addresses are not updated if they do not vote in an election, even if they

move. If new tenants register at the same address, it creates an accumulation of registered voters at one address.

From the report: "The wrongful voting was ... a result of ignorance, lack of diligence or perceived convenience."

"It surprises me when I hear that David (Friend), in so many words, implied I was an accomplice in voter fraud."

Former SLO City Council candidate

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education, which is slowly crippling our colleges and universities, is the interded plan of either the state's policy makers or the state's voters," he continued. "Nevertheless, the impact of existing public policy is exactly that."

Cal Poly has changed a great deal since 1988. But its destination — along with that of the rest of California higher education — has little hope for change,

according to some.

"We are beginning to erode quality and access," said Bruce Hamlett, director of Legislative Affairs at the California Post Secondary Education Commission. "I don't think it'll get any better."

• Jason Foster served as Mustang Daily's investigative editor in 1991-92, and Editor-in-Chief of the Daily in 1992-93. He is currently working as a journalist in Southern California.

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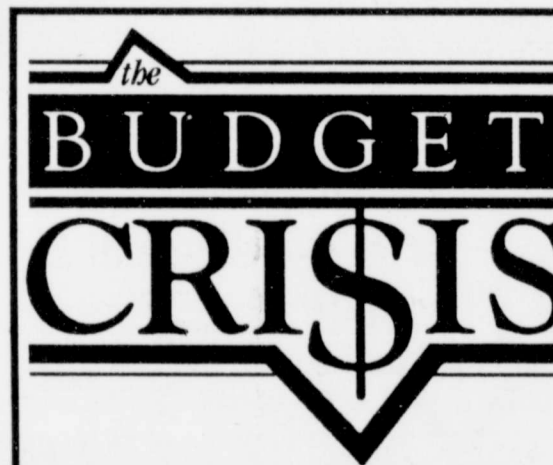
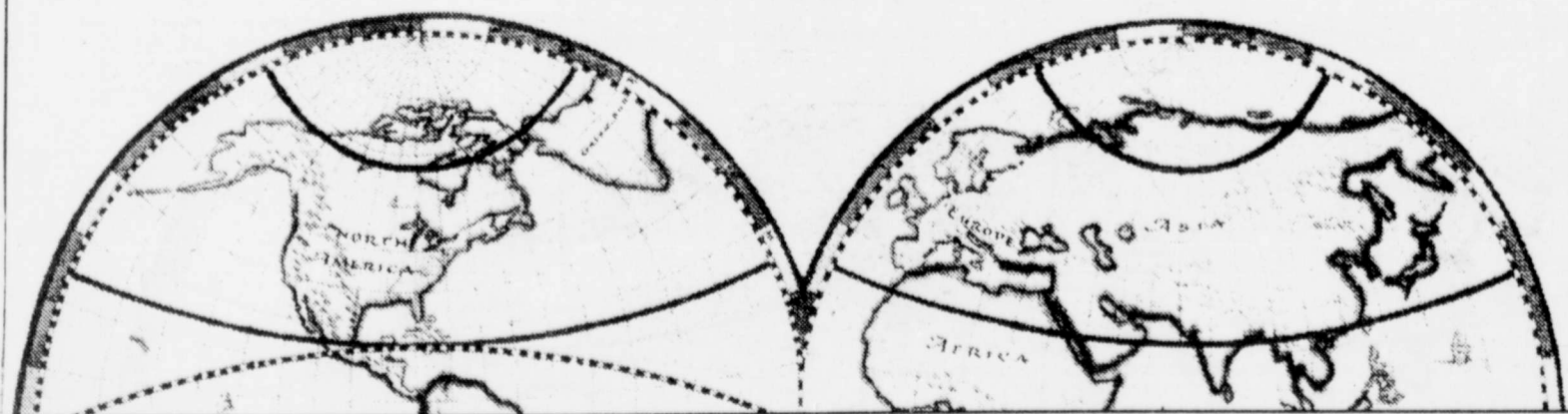
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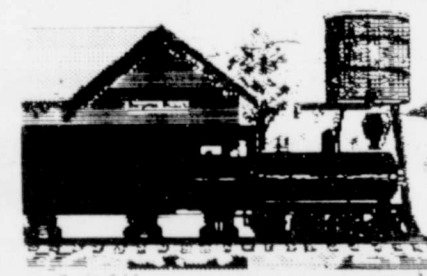


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CHARTER

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said, there is no hurry.

"I know it seems like we're doing this kind of quickly, but there really is no rush for Cal Poly to become a charter university," Baker said Thursday. "The only rush is to get a preliminary proposal out, so we know there is interest in pursuing the charter concept."

To get an author for the legis-

lation, a proposal had to be made, Baker said.

"We just wanted to make sure that we are not spending a year planning and strategizing for nothing," he said. "What (our) charter would look like is still in question. It will be under continuing development but we need to get to the point where we know that is worthwhile to at least pursue the enabling legisla-

BASKETBALL

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team's offense.

"Bonde was ice," said Mustang senior Carrie Schmidt. "She usually shoots 50 million, but this time she made 50 million."

The Toros defense proved to be as hot as Bonde. Cal State Dominguez Hills held the Mustangs to 17 points in the first half.

Orrock said it was one of the lowest offensive outputs ever as the Mustangs shot 29 percent (6 of 21) from the floor.

Cal Poly's leading scorer, Schmidt, averaging 18.2 points per game, went 0 for 3 in the first half. She finished with six points and five rebounds in her last game at Mott Gym.

Christine Rodness provided the Mustangs with their first basket four minutes into the game.

The Toros went on a 15-4 run to close out the half with a 25-17 lead, and would never trail for the remainder.

Rodness scored 16 of her game-high 27 points in the second half to cut the lead down to five points with 31 seconds left. She represented 52 percent of Cal Poly's offense.

Cal Poly's Wendy Bruse scored seven points while Susanne Carey contributed six points and led the team with 11 rebounds.

Saturday at Los Angeles, Cal Poly's offense showed up a game too late as the Mustangs led the entire game, although the Golden Eagles narrowed the lead to five points with nine minutes left in the game.

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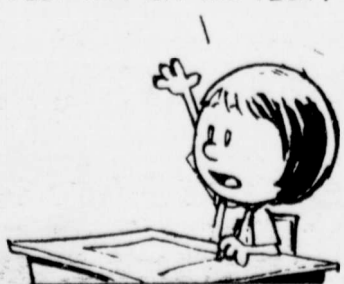
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Mustangs close out season

Finish last in CCAA with 3-11 mark, 9-17 overall

By Kevin Bolinger
Staff Writer

It's over.

After a season filled with ups and downs, injuries and overall misfortune, the Cal Poly men's basketball team closed out its year with an 87-56 loss to Cal State Bakersfield.

The defeat dropped the Mustangs' record to 3-11 in California Collegiate Athletic Association play, giving Cal Poly sole possession of last place.

In losing to Bakersfield for the third time this season, the Mustangs finished with a 9-17 record overall. The Roadrunners won the earlier games by scores of 90-56 and 69-53.

CCAA champion Bakersfield — the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II — heads into the conference tournament with a perfect record, 14-0 in CCAA and 26-0 overall.

"They played extremely well; as well as any Division II team I've ever seen," said Cal Poly's seventh-year head coach Steve Beason.

Cal Poly was paced by Matt Clawson's 19 points. Seniors Greg Paulson and Bubba Bur-

rage, playing in their last collegiate game, scored 12 and 11 apiece.

The Roadrunners were led by Kenny Warren's 15 points. Roheen Oats posted 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The game was a typical battle for these two teams — a slower paced defensive game in the beginning with Bakersfield running the floor in the second half.

"The areas we didn't perform well were a direct result of how well they were playing," Beason said.

Once again the Mustangs were hampered by their lack of inside bodies, being out-rebounded 43-25.

This, coupled with 35 percent shooting for the game, spelled doom for Cal Poly.

"The guys we had gave their best efforts," Beason said. "We just needed some big guys."

For the season, the injury brigade started early and continued often.

Junior forward Bucky Tucker underwent knee surgery prior to the start of play.

That was followed by the bombshell news that senior and

Calif. Collegiate Athletic Assn. Men's Basketball*

Team	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Cal St. Bakersfield	14	0	26	0
UC Riverside	10	4	19	7
Cal St. Dom. Hills	7	7	16	9
Cal Poly Pomona	7	7	14	12
Cal St. San Bernardino	6	8	13	12
Cal St. Los Angeles	5	9	14	11
Chapman	4	10	7	19
Cal Poly SLO	3	11	9	17

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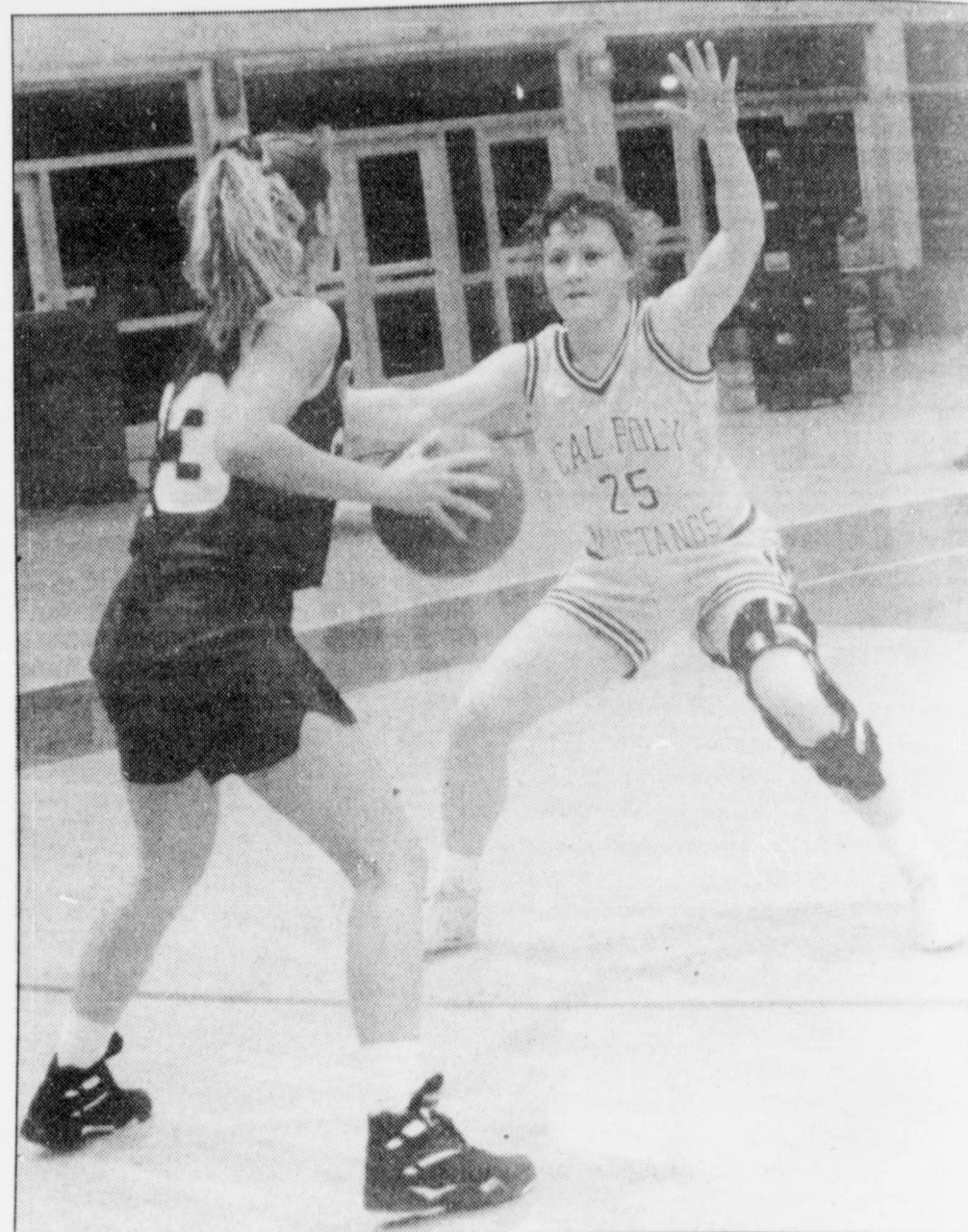
Cal St. Bakersfield 87, Cal Poly SLO 56; Cal Poly Pomona 89, Cal St. Los Angeles 76; Cal St. Dominguez Hills 72, Chapman 62.

all-region center Shawn Kirkeby would have to end his collegiate career due to nagging knee problems.

The floodgates were open with Burrage, Jeff Oliver and Sheridan Silver all hampered by injury or illness at some point in the season.

So where does the Mustang basketball program go from here?

"It's time to recruit," Beason said. "The move to Division I has helped up with high school kids. We need three front line guys."



SUMAYA AGHA/Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's Kristen Allen defends in Thursday night's crucial loss.

Poly men net two shutouts

By Cam Inman
Sports Editor

Cal Poly opened defense of its conference championship by posting a pair of shutout victories on Saturday and Sunday.

The Mustangs whipped Chapman 9-0 Sunday and took a 5-0 victory Saturday over Cal State Los Angeles in a match stopped by rain.

Cal Poly, which did not surrender a set in the two matches, improved to 2-0 in California Collegiate Athletic Association play, 11-2 overall.

Cal Poly quickly dispensed of Chapman, winning all nine matches in straight sets.

"We did a good job of jumping on them early," Cal Poly coach Chris Eppright said. "As soon as we got ahead, we started to roll and played very well."

In singles, John Montgomery and Dave Mullarkey both won 6-0, 6-0. Other wins came from Mark Nielsen, Ricardo Reyes, Marc Ollivier and Steve Arnott.

On Saturday, doubles play came first and the Mustangs won all three matches.

John Montgomery won 6-2, 6-3, and Dave Mullarkey took a 6-0, 6-0 victory in the only singles matches contested. The other four singles contests were canceled because of rain.

Cal Poly next plays at Fresno State on Thursday.



STEVE MCCRANK/Mustang Daily

Poly's Josh Johnston delivers a serve in Saturday's CCAA victory.

Mustangs show well in first competition

By Chris Rogers
Staff Writer

Cal Poly runners returned to the track Saturday with many strong performances.

The California Collegiate Athletic Association Relays took place at UC Riverside, and the Mustang track and field teams picked up right where they left off last season.

Cal Poly competed against UC San Diego, UC Riverside, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Bakersfield and Cal Poly Pomona. The meet's relay events divided the six schools into three categories — the Cal Poly's, the Cal State's and the UC's.

Mustang Eric Rameson took first place in the pole vault, an

event in which Cal Poly has had perennial success.

Cal Poly's Alison Eilerts won the javelin throw for the women with a toss of 141-09. Chris Carter took home the gold for the men in the shot put and a silver in the discus.

The Cal Poly's dominated the relays, with the women winning the 4 x 100 relay, and the men winning the 4 x 110 relay.

After taking the sprint medley relay, the Cal Poly women looked strong in winning the mile relay.

In the high jump, Cal Poly's Robin Campana tied for first by clearing 5 feet, 8 inches.

Cal Poly next competes Saturday at Northridge. The Mustangs will face Southern Cal, Cal State Northridge and UC Irvine.

Thursday loss keeps Poly out of playoffs

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's basketball team finished its season on a high note Saturday with an 82-60 victory over Cal State Los Angeles.

But the high note does nothing for the postseason song as the Mustangs were silenced by a 61-52 defeat to Cal State Dominguez Hills Thursday night in front of a Mott Gym crowd of 382.

The Mustangs completed their 1992-93 campaign with a 10-13 record and a 6-6 Collegiate Conference Athletic Association mark, equal to last year's CCAA record.

"(The season) was an emotional roller coaster," said Cal Poly coach Jill Orrock. "We had some moments where we looked brilliant, but we also had moments where we looked like we never played the game before."

Cal Poly finished fifth in the conference, a game behind Cal State Dominguez Hills (7-5 in CCAA, 15-10 overall) and Cal State San Bernardino (7-5, 17-9).

The Mustangs missed the CCAA playoffs, which includes the top four teams, for the first time in four years.

"I am kind of glad it's over,"

Calif. Collegiate Athletic Assn. Women's Basketball*

Team	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
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UC Riverside	9	3	17	9
Cal St. San Bern.	7	5	17	9
Cal St. Dom. Hills	7	5	15	10
Cal Poly SLO	6	6	10	13
Cal St. Los Angeles	3	10	5	21
Chapman	0	12	1	23

* Final regular-season standings

Saturday's results:

Cal Poly SLO 82, Cal St. Los Angeles 60; Cal Poly Pomona 55, Cal St. Dominguez Hills 48; Cal St. San Bernardino 71, Chapman 59.

said senior guard Cee Cee Nues. "I would have liked to have gone to the playoffs, but I'm tired."

A victory Thursday which would have improved the Mustangs' chances for a spot in the playoffs, where they would have faced Cal Poly Pomona, who won the conference for the 12th straight time.

But Cal State Dominguez Hills would not give in to the Mustangs.

The Toros rallied behind the eight three-pointers Karee Bonde buried, which broke her school record. Her 24 points represented 40 percent of her

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Women improve to 10-0

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The Cal Poly women's tennis team has continued to dominate its opponents.

Improving their record to 10-0 Saturday, the Mustangs have beaten everyone, including three NCAA Division I teams.

With its first conference match Saturday, Cal Poly easily defeated Cal State Los Angeles 5-0.

"Every girl competed and played smart," said Cal Poly

coach Chris Eppright. "The number one singles match was a great one ... (Tracy) Arnold played a great match."

Arnold, a freshman, continued her winning ways with a 7-6, 6-4 victory at No. 1 singles. Her opponent was the NCAA singles runner-up last year.

Michelle Berkowitz's singles match and all three doubles matches were scratched after Cal Poly secured the 5-0 win.

The Mustangs next match is at Cal State Bakersfield on Tuesday.

Poly baseball rained out

Rain once again postponed Cal Poly baseball games.

The Mustangs, who have not played since a Feb. 17 loss to UC Santa Barbara, had their conference opener at UC Riverside washed out Friday. Saturday's doubleheader was also postponed.

No new date has been set for the Cal Poly-Riverside series.